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From: Freind, William Joseph
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Cardona, Jose D.; Gilmore, Lewis
Cc: Zazzali, Robert
Subject: FW: Issues with Women's Cross Country

FYI.

As I said, I think this policy has to be reversed immediately. I've been told that there's a policy that bans the men's cross country team from working out without a shirt, and that seems equally absurd. When I ran cross country and track in the 1980s – in Catholic schools, I should add – we routinely worked out without shirts.

Bill

From: "Cleary, Douglas B." <cleary@rowan.edu>
Date: Friday, November 9, 2018 at 10:18 AM
To: "Freind, William Joseph" <Freind@rowan.edu>
Subject: RE: Issues with Women's Cross Country

Bill –

A colleague of mine has a son who is one of the top cross-country runners in the state. His son has 1490 SATs and is looking at several division III schools including Rowan. He saw the news this morning and the athletic department response and has crossed Rowan off his list of schools.

Doug

From: Freind, William Joseph
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:07 AM
Subject: Issues with Women's Cross Country

Senators,

Many of you have seen the article stating that the women's cross country team was banned from wearing sports bra-style tops when they're working out on campus. Dan Gilmore, the athletic director, and Joe Cardona, VP of University Relations, are drafting a statement that they will release later this morning.

I told them that I see the new policy as sexist, absurd, and a public relations nightmare. Many women's track teams use similar tops as their uniforms, and the same tops are common in marathons and other road races around the world.

The article also stated that the women's cross country team cannot use the track around the football field when the football team is practicing. I've been told that no team is allowed to use the track when football is practicing, but so far I've been unable to confirm that.

I don't know what the statement might say, or whether the policy will be reversed, but I'll provide updates as I receive them. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Bill